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SUBJECT: LOS CONSULTATIONS WITH MEXICO

REFS: A) STATE 5953 B) MEXICO 406

1. AS HE HAD PROMISED REFTEL B), GONZALEZ GALVEZ CALLED POL COUNSELOR LAST NIGHT AFTER CONSULTING WITH AMB CASTANEDA. HE HAD NO REPEAT NO COMMENT ON PROPOSED AGENDA. HE AGAIN EXPRESSED SURPRISE OVER SIZE OF US DELEGATION. GONZALEZ GALVEZ ALSO TWICE EXPRESSED "INFORMALLY" MEXICANS' SURPRISE THAT AMB STEVENSON NOT ACCOMPANYING US GROUP. HE SAID MEXICAN SIDE WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY AMB CASTBAEDA, AMB MA FEL TBXZO, FEDERAL DEPUTY SOBARZO, JORGE VARGAS OF CONACYT, AND HIMSELF. (NOTE: ACTING SECRETARY GONZALEZ SOSA NO LONGER INCLUDED.) GONZALEZ GALVEZ STRONGLY EMPHASIZED THAT GOM SEES PROPOSED MEETING ONLY AS OCCASION FOR "VERY VERY INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ". HE SAID GOM CONSIDERS ONE DAY ONLY (I.E. JANUARY 20) WILL BE SUFFICIENT FOR THE MEETING. MEXICANS PLAN LUNCH FOR PARTICIPANTS AT 1430
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HOURS ON JANUARY 20, PRESUMABLY AT FOREIGN SECRETARIAT.

THEY DO NOT WANT MEETING PUBLICIZED IN ANY WAY. IN CONCLUSION, GONZALEZ GALVEZ EXPRESSED OPINION THAT THERE HAD BEEN AT LEAST SOME DEGREE OF MISUNDERSTANDING AMONG THOSE WHO INITIALLY DISCUSSED PROPOSED MEETING. IT WAS EMBOFF'S STRONG IMPRESSION THAT GOM, WITHOUT WISHING TO APPEAR UNFRIENDLY OR DISCOURTEOUS, WOULD PREFER THAT THE MEETING AS PROPOSED NOT TAKE PLACE AT ALL.

2. COMMENT: IT IS NOT CLEAR TO WHAT EXTENT AMB CASTANEDA HAD INFORMED FOREIGN SECRETARIAT OF HIS DISCUSSIONS OF THIS SUBJECT IN NEW YORK. IT IS CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT GOM IS NOW DECIDEDLY APPREHENSIVE OVER NATURE AND SCOPE OF PROPOSED MEETING. SALES RESISTANCE IS OBVIOUSLY AT HIGHEST AND POSSIBILITY OF ACHIEVING OBJECTIES DESCRIBED REFTEL A PARA 5 MUST BE EVALUATED IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING. GOM RESPONSE AS DESCRIBED ABOVE LEADS EMBASSY TO RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT CAREFULLY CONSIDER WHETHER MEETING AT THIS TIME IN TERMS PROPOSED REFTEL A LIKELY TO BE PRODUCTIVE. IF SO, MEXICAN ATTITUDE WOULD INDICATE THAT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO DRASTIC REDUCTION IN SIZE OF USDEL.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: SINCE EMBASSY MUST MOVE AHEAD ON PREPARATIONS FOR MEETING IN SHORT TIME REMAINING, REQUEST SOONEST DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON ABOVE AND PROMPT ADVICE OF ANY CHANGE IN PLANS. JOVA

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